


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS AND ELECTION

Claims 47-50 and 65-68 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 69-71 have been newly added. (New claim 71 was originally presented in the Amendment dated September 22, 2003, but was mis-numbered as a redundant claim 42, located between claims 43 and 44.) Claims 1-46, 51-64, and 69-71 are now pending in the application. (Claims 1-33 were previously canceled.) Applicants respectfully request examination of the application as amended.

In response to the Restriction dated December 9, 2003, Applicants elect Species 1B. Applicants identify claims 34-46, 51-64, and 71 as reading on the elected species. All of claims 34-46, 51-64, and 71 are generic to both Species 1A and Species 1B, because none of these claims limits the number of beams that may compose a spring contact. New claims 69 and 70 do not read on the elected species and are therefore withdrawn from consideration but not canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

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